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Amendment

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Offered by:
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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. **595** File No. 390 Cal. No. 280

(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

"AN ACT CONCERNING CLIMATE CHANGE."

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- 1 Strike section 2 and insert the following in lieu thereof:
- 2 "Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2004) (a) It shall be the goal of
- 3 the state to reduce emissions of greenhouse gas in order to make an
- 4 appropriate contribution to achieving the regional goals of reducing
- 5 emissions of greenhouse gas to those levels emitted in 1990, which
- 6 reduction to occur not later than January 1, 2010, and to levels ten per
- 7 cent below the 1990 levels not later than January 1, 2020. The
- 8 Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall consult with the
- 9 Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian
- 10 Premiers to establish a date for the long-term regional goal of reducing
- 11 the emissions of greenhouse gas by seventy-five to eighty-five per cent
- 12 below 2001 levels. If the Conference of New England Governors and
- 13 Eastern Canadian Premiers has not established a date for such long-
- 14 term regional goal by January 1, 2007, the date for reaching such goal

15 shall be 2050.

16 (b) Not later than January 1, 2005, the Governor's Steering
17 Committee on Climate Change, established in November 2002, shall
18 develop a multisector, comprehensive climate change action plan, with
19 the opportunity for public comment, which plan shall contain the
20 policies and programs necessary to achieve the state's goals for the
21 reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2010 and 2020. Not later
22 than January 1, 2008, the steering committee shall develop an amended
23 climate change action plan, with the opportunity for public comment,
24 for achieving the state's contribution towards reaching the long-term
25 regional goal established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.
26 Both plans shall be submitted, in accordance with section 11-4a of the
27 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
28 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment.

29 (c) Not later than December 1, 2005, and annually thereafter, the
30 Commissioner of Environmental Protection, in collaboration with the
31 commissioners of other state agencies and the steering committee, shall
32 (1) submit a report to the joint standing committee of the General
33 Assembly having cognizance of matters included in the report on the
34 progress made in achieving the goals established in subsection (a) of
35 this section, and (2) to evaluate the appropriateness of the climate
36 change action plans developed pursuant to subsection (b) of this
37 section in achieving such goals. The commissioner shall not implement
38 such plan unless the committees of cognizance have approved the
39 plan."